



## **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Thursday, May 15, 2014**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Coon Rapids City Center**

**Conference Room 3**

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### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Adopt Agenda**

- AI-1960    Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)  
            Approval of Minutes

### **New Business**

0.    AI-1961    GREEN EXPO RECAP
1.    AI-1962    Commission interviews

### **Other Business**

### **Adjourn**



**Sustainability Commission - Regular**

**Meeting Date:** 05/15/2014

**SUBJECT:**

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**Attachments**

**04/17/2014**

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## COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2014

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The April 17, 2014 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Stacey Demmer at the Coon Rapids City Hall.

Sustainability Members Present: Bob Krahn, Chris Backes, Marcia Baudino, Stacey Demmer, Ed Dedman

Members Absent: Dave King, Steven Pedersen

Staff Present: Colleen Sinclair, Andy Kintop (intern)

### 1. ACCEPT AGENDA

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MOTION BY ED DEDMAN, SECONDED BY CHRIS BACKES, TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION BY ED DEDMAN, SECONDED BY CHRIS BACKES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20 SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING WITH TWO CORRECTIONS, (DATE AND SPELLING OF ED DEDMAN). MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

### 3. GREEN EXPO UPDATE

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City staff gave an update on vendors signed up, as of tonight's meeting we have 4 open booths at the expo. LED boards have been created and are up and running. Copies have been printed and will be delivered to schools the week of April 22, to be sent home the week of April 28. Anoka Henn., Spring Lake Park, and Centennial school districts will all be delivered to, along with many of the private schools. Give a ways have been delivered, re-usable bags, and water conservation kits that were purchased through a grant through the Coon Creek Watershed Dist. The shuttle bus has been confirmed and paid for by the Coon Rapids Community Strength Foundation and will run from Coon Rapids City Hall to the NSC. Planning is on schedule. Initiations will be sent to the City Councils of Blaine and Coon Rapids as well as County Commissioners and City Managers.

### 4. SOLAR AND WIND CODE

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Current drafts of these codes are before the Planning Commission during our meeting tonight. An update will be received by April 18 and emailed out to the Commission for update.

### 5. HEART SAFE TRAINING

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Officer Bryan Platz presented the Sustainability Commission with CPR and AED training, adding this volunteer commission to the many others in the City trained. His video was viewed, and hands on training was provided.

### 6. GARDENING WORKSHOPS

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Three workshops have been planned for the month of May following the Green Expo. The following will be used to market these workshops that will be held at the Coon Rapids Civic center.

**Monday, May 12 6:30pm -7:30 pm**

#### **How to Turn Your Yard into a Food Producing Paradise:**

Spending less money on food while feeding your family healthfully can be challenging for most families. Many want to grow food at home or wonder how to access and use more local food in their diets. Finding time to manage this with work and family can feel overwhelming. A local resident, Marcia Baudino has an average Coon Rapids sized lot and has transformed her yard into a food producing paradise. She has permanent raised beds in her backyard to grow annual vegetables, a permaculture (permanent agriculture) landscape producing food in the front

yard and 115 fruit bushes (arctic kiwi, blueberries, currants, lingonberries, wintergreen and more). Using food she grows and some purchased at the local farmers markets; Marcia fills 4 freezers with meals each season that sustain her family year round. Marcia will share her story, present photos of her yard and send you home with tips and resources to help you get started in your own yard.

**Monday, May 19 6:30pm -7:30 pm**

**Local Food for Dinner 365 Days a Year**

If you have been; wondering how to find and use more local food, how to use the abundance from the summer farmers markets year round, trying to choose a CSA please join us as we discuss these topics. Money and time saving tips will be shared for finding local food, getting it made into meals, frozen and ready to enjoy year round.

**Wednesday, May 21 6:30pm -7:30 pm**

**Permanent Raised Beds the Permaculture Way**

Enjoy huge yields, almost no weeding and never till again! (no lumber or hammers needed) Learn how to build, mulch, plant and maintain raised beds using Permaculture Principles. Companion and succession planting and crop rotation will be discussed. Plan to enjoy abundant yields with minimal labor. Truly!

7. OTHER BUSINESS

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6. ADJOURN

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MOTION BY BOB KRAHN, SECONDED BY ED DEDMAN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 P.M.  
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted  
Colleen Sinclair, Staff Liaison



**Sustainability Commission - Regular**

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**Meeting Date:** 05/15/2014

**Subject:** GREEN EXPO RECAP

**From:** Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator

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**INFORMATION:**

City staff will provide a recap on the Green Expo.

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**Sustainability Commission - Regular**

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**Meeting Date:** 05/15/2014

**Subject:** Commission interviews

**From:** Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator

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**INFORMATION:**

The Sustainability Commission will hold 2 interviews during the meeting in May.

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